

EDNA MAY IS DIVORCED FROM FRED TITUS

BRITT MAY BE MATCHED WITH YOUNG CORBETT

Well-Known Actress Is at Last Freed from Husband.

NO DEFENSE PUT IN.

MONA DESMOND, the Woman in the Case, on the Stand, but Doesn't Testify.

JURY OUT FEW MINUTES.

Have but Little Difficulty in Reaching a Decision Favorable to "School Girl."

Edna May's suit for divorce against Fred Titus, the former bicycle rider, resulted this afternoon before Justice Clinchy in Part II, of the Supreme Court, in a verdict for the actress. She was not in court. Mr. Titus, fat and smiling, sat in a front row seat.

Mona Desmond, who is named as co-respondent, a pretty little actress, had been about the building all day, but did not appear when the first witness, Stanley Hawkins, was called.

Hawkins identified photographs of Miss Desmond and Mr. Titus. He said that he had lived in the Garden Hotel, where Miss Desmond was then a guest. He said that he and Titus roomed together, but that he often saw his room-mate in Miss Desmond's room.

Abraham Kaffenberg, counsel for Edna May, examined the witness at great length as to the relations between Miss Desmond and the big bicycle rider.

Couple Were Unconventional.

Titus, in 1903, when the alleged acts of misconduct occurred, the defendant Hawkins and Mona Desmond were members of the "Red Feather Company." They traveled about in different cities, and according to the witness, the trio were absolutely unconventional in their hotel life in these cities.

Mrs. Grace Hawkins, wife of the actor, succeeded her husband on the stand. She was asked if she had ever seen Mr. Titus in Miss Desmond's room, when the bicycle rider was at the hotel in pajamas. She snapped back: "I may."

"Don't you know?" asked Mr. Kaffenberg.

The witness replied in a whisper: "Yes."

Q. How was Miss Desmond attired at this time? A. Nightgown.

Q. What do you mean by nightgown, a nightgown? A. No, a wrapper.

Miss Desmond was called to the stand and sworn. Her counsel wanted to admit that she was the person alleged in the complaint. Justice Clinchy said that he could take no such admission, and the young woman climbed up to the witness stand.

No defense was put in by Mr. Titus, and the case was sent to the jury after a brief instruction.

JEROME RENEWS HIS EXCISE WAR

District Attorney Demands that Law Be Enforced or Amended in Such a Way that Evil Will Disappear.

District Attorney Jerome to-day continued his attack on the excise conditions in this city. In a long statement to the public he said:

"The evils that come from the present condition of the excise law in this city result from the non-enforcement of that law. If that law in regard to Sunday opening and the so-called Raines law hotels is enforced, the evils of black-market, perjury, general degradation and debauching of the police force would to a large extent be obviated. If, on the other hand, the law in regard to Sunday opening is amended, these evils would also be reduced to a minimum.

"What I am interested in, is that the evils from which we suffer as the result of the non-enforcement of the law should be reduced to a minimum, or, if possible, entirely destroyed. And personally I care nothing whether these evils be minimized or destroyed by an amendment of the law or enforcement of the law. But it is only by either amendment or enforcement that they can be eliminated or minimized. I do not believe that, as an abstract proposition, the law in regard to Sunday closing and the Raines law hotel is unenforceable, but practically I do believe that it is unenforceable.

"What I mean is this: That in a community with democratic institutions based on universal suffrage such a law cannot permanently be enforced by authorities locally elected or appointed. No intelligent man for a moment would contend that the law could not be enforced by any power or authority that he is capable of conceiving, and no rational human being makes any such contention. On the other hand, the light of experience and every-day knowledge of human nature, it is perfectly clear that locally elected or appointed authorities will never enforce a law permanently in a community where the law is unenforceable. The enforcement of such a law in this community by locally elected or appointed authorities will inevitably result in the defeat of the political party to which they belong in the next general municipal election.

"I believe in the amendment of this law so that we might get a law which public officers could enforce without destroying their political future, because I do not believe that any law which enforcement would secure the political destruction of the officials electing it is likely to be enforced.

BANK PRESIDENT'S SON PLEADS GUILTY IN COURT.

With His Coachman He Answers Five Indictments for Assault—Cleaned Out Hotel.

(Special to The Evening World.)

HAKENBACK, N. J., Jan. 4.—Kenneth Mason, the son of a New York bank president who served through the Philippine war, came here to-day with his coachman, Alexander Courter, and pleaded guilty to five indictments, charging them with assault and battery, assault with intent to kill and malicious mischief.

These men, armed with bolts, sabre and revolver, created a disturbance at Mansion Hotel at Hoboken and cleaned it out.

Judge Zabriske will sentence the defendants on Friday.

FATHER FATALLY BURNED TRYING TO SAVE HIS CHILD.

The dress of eight-year-old Lena Rohde, playing about the kitchen fire at her home, No. 40 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, late this afternoon, caught fire.

Her screams called her father, William Rohde, and in his frantic effort to save his child his clothing became ignited, and when both were taken to the Cumberland Street Hospital it was said he would die. The child may recover.

TWO KILLED BY TRAIN.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Charles Vedder, a farmer living in Glenville, and George Cookingham, his hired man, were instantly killed this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock by being struck by a westbound P. & O. train at Hardin's Crossing, about three miles from this city, as they were driving across with a sleigh.

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BLIZZARD-BEATEN RACE LOVERS OF NEW YORK LONG FOR THE DELIGHTS OF NEW ORLEANS.



LEAVES AGED WOMAN'S SIDE AND LEAPS TO DEATH FROM FERRY-BOAT

Man Believed to Be John Parsons Plunges from the Monocair and Sinks Beneath the Ice in Hudson River—Companion Hysterical and Taken to Hospital.

A well-dressed man, apparently about thirty-five years old, stepped from the side of an elderly lady of aristocratic appearance on the D. L. & W. ferry-boat Montclair in the middle of the North River this afternoon and jumped overboard.

He sank in an ice floe and was not seen again. His companion fainted, and upon recovering her senses went into hysterics. All that could be learned from her was that the name of the man was John Parsons, and that he was a lawyer from Boston.

The woman and the man boarded the Montclair at the Christopher street ferry-house at 2 o'clock. Previously they had purchased tickets for Orange, N. J. The employees of the railroad company who saw them remarked nothing particular about the conduct of the man, but they remember that it was the old lady who conducted the purchase of the tickets.

Left Her Side to Drown.

When the boat pulled out the couple stood on the lower deck, etc. The man appeared to be pointing out objects of interest in the city. Suddenly, he stepped to the rail, climbed to the top and jumped.

Passengers who saw the suicide shouted to deckhands, who sent word to the captain, but the boat had proceeded some distance before it could be stopped. In the meantime close watch had been kept upon an ice-floe into the midst of which the man had leaped. He did not appear on the surface after breaking through the ice.

The old lady, who had dropped in a dead faint on the deck, her companion jumped into the river to recover until she was carried into the railroad station at Hoboken, after vain search had been made for the body of the suicide. For a moment she did not appear to realize what had happened, and in that moment it was learned that the man was John Parsons.

Woman Is Hysterical.

As soon as she had mentioned the name of the whole scene on the ferry-boat came back to her and she experienced an attack of hysteria so serious that a doctor was called to attend her. No wonder did she emerge from the first attack that another attack had been ordered her removal to a private room in the station while a policeman took her to the door.

Several passengers who saw the suicide volunteered statements to the railroad authorities. All agree that up to the time the man climbed to the ferry-boat rail his actions gave no indication of what he intended to do.

EVENING WORLD RACE CHART

36TH DAY AT NEW ORLEANS. TRACK FAST.

New Orleans charts are indexed from first race.

211 FIRST RACE—Six furlongs. Time—0:24. 0:24 4-5. 1:15 5-8. Purse \$400; maiden three-year-olds. Start fair. Won easily. Winner, L. C. by Jim Jones.											
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104	Albion	Gannon	112	2	6 1/4	12 1/4	17 3/4	24 3/4	10	12 1/2	3-4
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WORST STORM IN YEARS SWEEPS CITY; FIVE DEAD

Surface Car Lines Paralyzed by Snow all of Nine Inches, Which Fell in